congratulated themselves on being there able to purchase articles quite as pretty as any they would have found in Bond

questioner. "I'm a detective in pur- many friends-you know how popular it up in the High street, and seeing my suit of the perpetrators of a daring rob- he is-that it is not surprising that my name, took the trouble to bring it bery of notes which lately occurred at a name should escape his memory, al- me, and, oddly enough, it seems that robbed this very night." bank in Birmingham. Two men in though beginn many a pleasant evening the knows my brother George very well, broad daylight snatched them before in the mess-room of the dear old Twenth the very eyes of the cashier, who for ty-second. I always call it so, because Dublin." tunately had taken the numbers. This so many of my people have been at one "What's his name?" asked the other llow is one of the scoundrels."

"I had a man here yesterday who was quite by accident that I came to call "There's his card on the table." fellow is one of the scoundrels."

bought a diamond ring for ten pounds upon you to-day." He paused, and drew and gave me a note for twenty," said the something from his pocket. "I believe tain Dalrymple, thoughtfully: "and and gave me a note for twenty,

note to examine at his leisure.

"Then we have caught one of the must be the brother at Mudport of whom of him."

Spencer, and it occurred to me that you moment that I ever heard George speak must be the brother at Mudport of whom of him." scoundrels, and the other is probably I have so often heard George speak," cloor ready to go to the police ats-

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inght. But Mr. Nortimer declined on
for I never saw two men more alike.

"But, on the other hand, you must
without any more disturbance."

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"Well, my boy." borough magistrates were sitting; and burrying into the stone-paved lobby, David accosted the first person he met, who happened to be the superintendent

of the local police. "Have they come?" he engerly asked. " Fave who come?" "The detective with the man who has

Sir Horace Trevor, of whom you may

"I know Sir Horace well by reputa-

"Such a distinguished soldier is a rela-

been passing notes stolen from a bank at | tion,' "I don't understand," said the other, looking at the little Weishman in aniazement. "There's been no such case relieve 2"

seed considerable taste; so the great sople of the neighborhood were seems med to partonize his shop, and secretly nigratulated themselves on being there agriculted the setting and the key in my pocket, all ranks of society. Not a day passes fit to arrogate to himself a name and also locked, and the key in my pocket, all ranks of society. Not a day passes of plate, the chert the bed-room door agricultates why he has thought the bed-room door agricultates why he has thought the very confidence. If you ture to defy all the burglars in London until to-morrow!"

Some day you'll find yourself taken in, and then, perhaps, you will acknowledge the rank to which he has a presentation service of plate, and in addition some very valuable fried answered, quietly; "you are too but the very confidence. I'll venture to defy all the burglars in London until to-morrow!"

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It was not that David habitually kept a large stock of valuable gems; but he exhibited a very fair display of the more ordinary articles of luxury, and in additional days and old coins of a last.

day he was born. He had fallen into a drange who ruled a small teritary which was in danger of legislating the property of the more ordinary articles of luxury, and in addition and old coins of a last.

"A geld brooch."
"And he paid for it with a five-pound named Mortimer," returned Godfrey, shaking hands with a man in the lobby."

"Yes; and do you know I've actually note, didn't he, No. 11,889?"

The jeweller in surprise looked into his cash-box, and admitted the correct-tioned at Dublin. "Do you come from the plant of the possible of the possible of the plant o ness of the number.

"And have you sold anything else lately to strangers who paid you in Bank of England notes?" continued his Mortimer. "And your brother has so Two men in though & spent many a pleasant evening he knows my brother George very well,

"You have never seen him before?"

"No, never."
"And have only his word for it that of him for more than a year, poor old boy. other. Pray, what have you got in your That will be the safest course. tody. There's my card, with my name "Why would you rather have them in and address, to show you who I am." No, you mustn't think of going yet. Sit head now?'

morrow, and on Thursday I am going up | in order to steal anything he could lay to town to meet an old uncle of mine, his hands on. In the course of his wan-

bave heard. He is coming from India military affairs which tenders it easy for to settle in England, after an absence of him to delude the unwary."

"Mortimer's all right," doggedly repeated Godfrey. " He spoke like a gensaid Mr. Mortimer, cordially, tleman, and he's a friend of George's." corroboration of that fact.

There's only one charge of few strength of the detective said he was coming on her at once, and I must attend as a wince, and possible property and he had a thriving business as a watch maker and jeweller in the flourishing he was a man of long experience in his Elewing I the an could no longer deabt that people of the neighborhood were accasemed to retroughe his solar and possible of the neighborhood were accasement to retroughe his solar and possible of the neighborhood were accasement to retroughe his solar and possible of the neighborhood were accasement to retroughe his solar and possible of the neighborhood were accasement to retroughe his solar, and accretive the neighborhood were accasement to retroughe his solar, and accretively and in addition some very valuable and in the leaf the strength of the detective sould not only the position. It contained a massive to good and the morning. There's only one charge the sould not do did at the interest the one of position. It contained to the dold all the wardrobe,

hasty in bestowing your confidence.

Nome day you'll find yourself taken in, and then, perhaps, you will acknowledge the truth of what I say."

Godfrey only laughed in his lighthearted way, and nothing more was seen or heart of Mr. Mortimer, contrary to Captain Dalrymple's expectations. But Godfrey was surprised to receive the dated Paris:

"How you'll find yourself taken in, and then, perhaps, you will acknowledge the accordingly fastened that also, and they returned that also, and they returned that also, and they returned the sitting-room.

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"But I tell you, policeman, this is all up in the street. Pray what is there to plant the production of a visiting-card with a flourish extricates many a man unpleasant dilemma and serves them as a passport to society.

"But I tell you, policeman th

Horace, smiling. The strong room here "I give this man in charge for being card and thief-proof, and drunk and disorderly, and assaulting me card and testify that he was an officer in constantly contains property of great value belonging to visitors. I shall be cer in her Majesty's service, and I cannot importantly of the fellow." glad to be rid of the responsibility. stop to argue with every drunken vagatie was so full of the subject that he
These diamonds have been a perfect bond who chooses to mistake me for did not notice what a change had sudsomebody else," nightmare to me all the way home."
"If I might be permitted to advise,

valuables with you at all. London and a ring, and £30 a fortnight ago, and their asked quietly; thieves have such extraordinary ways of I swear I'll bring him to justice for it!" "You are Captain Godfrey Spencer geiting information that they might atacoundrels, and the etner is proposed and the etner is proposed.

"Thanks,' said Godfrey, cordially, perty has already been recovered. Will pleased to have his property restored.

"And have only his word for it that pleased to have his property restored.

"And have only his word for it that he is acquainted with your brother?"

Let us have the cases quietly carried to your room, or, better still, to mine, and if I lose this train the consequences.

"Good gracious, Ealrympie!" cried your room, or, better still, to mine, and will be most serious! Do your days. tack us even in broad daylight to-morrow gentleman, and never saw this madman "Certainiy. Here is my card," said before to-night!" retorted Algernon, the impostor, thinking it best to brazen Let us have the cases quietly carried to "I am travelling on important business, it out to the very last. bench is setting now, and I've got a cab this afternoon. And so George has his friend, out of patience, "I declare to be considered at Studger will be most serious! Do your duty, his questioner in a careless tone, at the coor ready to go to the police ata-talked to you about me? I haven't seen you're always fancying something or without telling anybody about them. constable, and take this fellow into cus-

"I am almost certain that Mr. Alger- your room than mine?" asked Sir Ho-

"CAPTAIN GODFREY SPENCES,

" said David excitedly.

the constable disdainfully.

and see that the case is heard with as long talk. Godfrey was delighted with his companion, who seemed to have seen him before. Two years ago, when I maintain to me, and I me sare the transfer of the series in the same transfer of the same transfer of the series in the same transfer of the same transfer of the series in the same transfer of the same transfer of the series in the same transfer of the same transfe

Sir Horace pondered.
"There is the risk of fire. In the and it's plain you're mistaking him for

having the cases carried there," urged | tending to be a detective! I remember

you again, if you're not going to stay long." Godfrey said in a tone of deep about to different garrison towns and doubt you know more of English ways regret: "I have an engagement for to-scraping acquaintance with the officers than I do, after being abroad so long." "Well, my boy, that's true; and no where said the old man at last. "You shall his hands on. In the course of his wan-derings he has acquired a knowledge of things in your room for to-night. If the military affairs which tenders it easy for bank had not been closed I would have many cases of mistaken identity as I He turned away in order to avoid his taken them there at once. Let's have a have you'd be unwilling to swear to your two late fellow-passengers; but the genlook at your room.

deman, and he's a friend of George's."

"I should like to hear your brother's of a short flight of stairs, from the main of a short flight of stairs, from the main of a short flight of stairs, from the main ness at once." And he took the little clutched from behind in a powerful grasp, and turning beheld Nomeans in the shape since you won't be satisfied without. I'm | eve at once took in all the advantages of | man firmly by the arm.

to-morrow. I intend to give them all, with the jewets, into the care of the hotel manager, that he may put them into the strong room for to-night, and in the morning we will take them to the bank."

The other turned perceptibly pale, the part of the care of the bank. The other turned perceptibly pale, the part of a good broom, and a diamond of the money odd gentleman, will the sham codfrey and not collar the thief when I see him! Spencer, seeing what was coming, bit his tree to stop him, for fear of exciting suspicion. The old gentleman in the carriage was set upon at Waterloo station in the most "Den't you think it rather a risk to intrust such valuables to the tender mercies of an utter stranger, uncle? The of people began to gather round, among dier, and would hardly be convinced that strong room might be broken into and robbed this very night."

"I don't think it likely," said Sir rately, beckening to that functionary, most atrocious conduct. Fortunately he was mistaken, and was accusing an

mebody else."
"Drunk indeed!" said the little son to whom he was talking. The jeweller, going to his safe to fetch it.

"Noto No. 54,6277" asked the detective, consulting his note-book,
"Yes," and David, handing him the "You are Captain Godfrey Spencer of "But I tell you I am an officer and a the Royal Reds?

"Stationed at Mudport?" went on "At Mudport,"
"Then, Captain Spencer, I am very

happy to have made your acquaintance,"

whole story. He plunged eagerly into the details, repeating almost word for word what David Roberts had said, and his auditor listened without comment but with evident interest. Nevertheless Algernon Mortimer was truly rejoiced when the train stopped at hishopstoke, where him perfectly, and I'd swear to him anyhe hoped to shake off both his companions, as all the passengers had to alight "What proof have you got?" asked and change carriages.

Tightly crushing his precious bag he "Proof?" My own eyes, to be sure!" followed the others on to the platform, "That wouldn't be enough for a court rejoicing at the thought that Southampton and the steamer were so near. own brother," remarked the guardian of theman in the travelling-cap contrived to Nothing could have been better order, "it's clear you're mistaking keep near him, at the same time giving

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